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SUBMISSION OF PRIOR ART

In view of the publication of the claims of the above-referenced patent application, the undersigned, who does not represent the above-referenced applicant, respectfully requests that U.S. Patent No. 5,715,675 be considered as prior art relevant to the patentability of the claims. The Examiner for the above-referenced application is specifically referred to col. 18, lines 15-24, as being particularly relevant. This portion of the patent discloses the use of non-polymerized hydrocarbons including paraffin wax as a hybrid rocket fuel. Other portions of the patent may also be relevant. An Information Disclosure Statement is provided herewith. A copy of this document is simultaneously being provided to the attorney for the applicant.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Ms. Swiatek:

A-61587-1/MSS (Stunford)

Re: U.S. Serial No. 09/505,516 to Karabeyoglu et al. entitled "High Regression Rate Hybrid Rocket Propellants and Method of Selecting"

We have submitted the enclosed documents, including U.S. Pat. No. 5,715,675 to Smith et al. and an Information Disclosure Statement referencing the same, to the United States Patent and Trademark Office in regard to the prosecution of the above-referenced application. We believe that the disclosure in this patent is material to the pending application.

We are unsure whether this non-party submission will be considered by the Patent Office. As you are now aware of the reference, we request that you also submit the patent as prior art in view of your duty to disclose material information to the PTO under 37 CFR 1.56. Please refer the Examiner to col. 18, lines 15-24 of the patent, where the use of non-patent energied hydrocarbons including paraffin wax as a hybrid rocket fuel is disclosed.

Very truly yours,

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